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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIVE RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: January 12, 2009

Sir:

This responds to the Notice of Non-Responsive Response to Restriction Requirement mailed December 17, 2008, a response to which is due January 17, 2009. Applicants do not believe any fees are due. In the event this is not the case, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 029440.00009.

Please see the following listing of claims after this response to restriction, and amendments mandated by the restriction.

A current listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this response.

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